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Professor Grutter delivered the second lecture of the course on animal life last evening to a large audience. He divides animal life according to the distinctions of its different modes, into four classes—Radiates, Molluscs, Arthropods, and Vertebrates.

Radiates were those whose structures rose around a centre point of action and spread out from it in all directions like the radii of a circle. The most familiar specimen of this class is the star fish. The sensitive function of these animals is exercised by the same channels through which they draw nutrition. They are analogous in their external shape to plants, and in their method of growth, also, resembling their progressive growth from a centre or core to the outward surface.

The Molluscs have bodies which are only masses of flesh—have no sense but that of touch, and possess little or no locomotive power. This latter peculiarity has a counterpart in the sluggishness of a man after partaking of a hearty meal. The oyster is a common example of this order.

The Arthropods are those whose bodies consist of a series of rings more or less compactly joined—such as the crab. These animals are distinguished by remarkable respiratory organs, which will, very improperly, control their motions, consequently, are very swift and the concentration of power very great; the common May-fly, for instance, belonging to this class, is very strong in its struggles, when between the fingers, a degree of power immense in proportion to its bulk.

The three orders comprise the invertebrates and differ from the vertebrates, or last class, principally in the position of the nerve centres. In the former class being placed indistinctly in all parts of their internal structure, and in the latter, only in the vertebrae of the spinal column and in the expansion of the brain from the spinal column to communicate with the other portions of the body.

CONCERT IN A HOSPITAL.—Last night a very pleasant affair occurred in the hospital located in the Assembly Rooms. The choir of the Calvary Baptist Church, under the lead of Mr. Haynes, assisted by Prof. Schell, and other musical friends, made a visit to the hospital and sang several songs to the patients. They were with the brave sufferers at that hospital, maintaining them with most delightful and soul stirring singing. Several songs and hymns were sung in fine style. Where all were so afflicted, it is a great trial to particularly those who cannot sing. We cannot fail, however, to make special mention of a solo, by Miss Billings.—"We shall know each other there." We never heard any more beautiful solo, and the patients were scarcely a dry eye in the house. Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen were present, attracted by the interesting exercises. The church is beautifully and tastefully decorated with evergreen boughs.

It was proposed to open the fine organ, that Prof. Schell might enliven the soldiers with his inspiring strains, but the "secoah" element, which still, very improperly, controls this church, prevailed, and the organ was not refused. It is hoped the authorities will be in no hurry to restore this edifice to its unworthy proprietors.

LITERARY, DRAMATIC, AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.—Many of our readers will remember the delightful entertainments given in this city several months ago, by those charming ladies, Misses Mary and Elizabeth Lynde. We have the pleasure of announcing that they will shortly appear in this city, in new and most attractive entertainments, combining literary, musical and dramatic performances. The time and place for holding these entertainments, will be announced in a day or two. The objects to raise funds to assist in establishing a home for the orphans of volunteers, and to encourage the efforts of our patriotic ladies have been engaged in this labor of love for months, visiting all parts of the country. Let them have a warm reception here.

OFFICERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE COMPANY.—The following officers of the Perseverance Fire Company have been elected to serve for the ensuing year:

President—John C. Dermott;
Vice President—Julius Strobel;
Secretary—William H. Osborn;
Assistant Secretary—John Dexsaron;
Treasurer—H. Janney;
Members—First, Charles Lyons; Second, O. F. Harrison; Third, A. Glasgow.
Delegates to the Fire Department—J. McDermott, J. H. Thompson, G. Fletcher, J. Strobel, C. F. Harrison.

INTERESTING EXERCISES TO-MORROW EVENING.—As will be seen by advertisement, there will be a series of very interesting exercises to-morrow evening at the Washington Literary Association to-morrow evening. The essay will be delivered by D. J. Tooley, an orator by R. S. Tharin; and there will also be a debate on the question: "Was the execution of the traitor, John Brown, justified?" by Messrs. Adams and McLeran. The place of meeting is the Aldermen's chamber, City Hall.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL.—The following loads arrived in Georgetown since our last issue: Five Sisters, 112 tons of coal; P. L. Detmold, 109 tons coal; John Humbird, wood; S. K. Hensell, American Coal Company, 111 tons coal; Mack, American Coal Company, 111 tons coal.

The following departed: Renown, Oliver Boley, John Humbird, P. L. Detmold, Advance, Five Sisters, G. F. Porter.

CRIMINAL COURT.—Before Judge Merrick, to-day.—Chas. Williams charged with the larceny of two saddles, the property of the U. S. Government; found guilty. Sent to the penitentiary for six months.

Robert Jackson, charged with the larceny of a lot of U. S. bonds and Treasury notes, the property of Israel Moses; found guilty. Prisoned for six months. When we left court yesterday for defence.

Frank Smith, charged with the larceny of a lot of U. S. bonds and Treasury notes, the property of Israel Moses; Jury had not agreed upon a verdict when we left. Wharton for defence.

POCKET BOOK FOUND.—A Mr. Rorick, father of Sam'l C. Rorick, one of the Fourth ward police, found a large pocket-book in his orchard in Georgetown, containing a number of valuable papers and correspondence. In the wallet was found a letter to Capt. F. F. Young. Inside the letter was a picture of a little child, beside the name of Mrs. Mary C. Rorick, of New York, for fifty dollars and so. The property was turned over to Mr. Herrick, property clerk of the Metropolitan police this morning.

FUNERAL OF MR. BOYKAN.—The funeral of H. A. Bodean, assistant draughtman in the Bureau of Steam Engineering, took place from his late residence yesterday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. M. M. Falls, of Assembly's church. Mr. Bodean was stricken down by an apoplectic fit while engaged in the discharge of his usual duties. He was a worthy citizen and much esteemed by all who knew him.

ROBBERY AT THE CENTRAL HOUSE.—Last night, some burglar or burglars entered the Central House, and rifled the safe, which contained several valuables, belonging to a sutler in the army. Later in the night a soldier took his trunk, containing all he had. We would advise the sutler to keep a sharp look-out for these fellows, who are very busy with them. At the present time, the police are on their track, and we hope they will be caught and driven from our midst.

HORSE STOLEN.—On Tuesday night last, a large sorrel horse was stolen from the stable of Jas. Hinshel, in Georgetown, near Little Falls Bridge. He had on, when he was stolen, a new harness. The thief or thieves have not yet been traced.

PHOTOGRAPH.—John Hopley, of Ohio, has been promoted from the second Auditor's office to the first, and will receive a salary of \$1,400 per annum.

DEPARTING OF THE SECOND DISTRICT REGIMENT.—The Second District regiment has been ordered to report for duty at Fort Monroe.

INDEX REVERED GROUND.—The place to bury our dead is not in the city, but in the country. We have HAYSTACK, HAYSTACKS, and every other

ACCIDENT AT THE STRAIGHTWAY WHARF.—An accident occurred at the Straightway Wharf, where a schooner was being loaded by a crew whereby a hand car, named Geo. Clark, was overturned by a hand car upon which they were moving some things from off the wharf. The boy was very badly injured. Officer McCaulley has been conveyed to his home near the Navy Yard.

BANKING RATES.—The following are the rates as which bankers and brokers are buying or selling gold and silver—the legal tender not being the standard:

	Buying.	Selling.
Gold - U. S. HALL per c. premium	\$8.38	\$8.39
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ATTENTION, AFFLICTED!—Dr. Velley is engaged in an extensive practice in this city and we would call the attention of the population, enmeshed victims of their own sins, the best sources of remedy. First, give up your present course of life at once and forever! Secondly, call on the most skillful physician (and none are better than Dr. Velley), and cure of the disease which is now underfoot among your constituents and sending you to a premature grave.

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A WORD OF ADVICE.—Those who have been afflicted with rheumatism without obtaining relief, should consult Dr. Flahshitt, whose office is at No. 421 E street, corner of Eighth street, and opposite the General Post Office. He has established Dr. Flahshitt's reputation as a physician. Recent cases cured in a few days. Charges moderate.

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NOTICE.—Deafness, Impaired Sight, Throat Disease, Rheumatism, Aneurysm, Dropsy, etc., Persons wishing Dr. Velley's services to relieve their ailments should call without delay, as he will short arrive to resume his practice in New York. For return route and further particulars apply to his care to the National Intelligence Office, 221 Pennsylvania avenue, opposite Willards'. jan 1st-4

DIED.
Suddenly, at 10 o'clock p. m., January 1863, ELIZABETH WHITTESETT, Wife of Comptroller of the Treasury, in the 80th year of his age.
The funeral service will be observed tomorrow at 3 o'clock p. m., from Mrs. Hyatt's, N. 339 Broadway, near Broadway Hotel, where his friends and the friends of his family are respectfully invited to attend. The remains will be removed to Ohio for interment.

Georgetown Marine List.

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Steamer H. J. Devenney, Bristol, Philadelphia, merchandise. Hyde & Davidson.
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Steamer E. Chamberlin, Broughton, Philadelphia, Merchandise.

OFFICIAL.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
To all whom it may concern:
Satisfactory evidence having been exhibited to me that ROBERT LINS has been appointed Vice Consul of Portugal for the district of Baltimore, I do hereby recognize him as such, and declare him free exercise and enjoy such functions, powers and privileges, as are allowed to the Vice Consuls of the most favored nations, in the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed (L. s.) Given under my hand at the city of Washington, the 6th day of January A. D. 1863, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the 67th.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
By the President :
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

OFFICIAL.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, Jan. 7, 1863.
Releases from the draft on the ground of alienage have been allowed in the following cases:

Name.	Where drafted.
Mark Lally - - -	Cuyahoga county, Ohio
Ole Michelson - - -	Kenosha co., Wisconsin

OFFICIAL.
LAW OF THE UNITED STATES,
Passed at the Third Session of the Thirty-second Congress.

[PUBLIC—No. 6.]
AN ACT to improve the organization of the cavalry forces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter each regiment of cavalry organized in the United States service may have two assistant surgeons, an army company or companies, the number of which shall be from six to twenty-eight privates.

APPROVED, JANUARY 6, 1863.

[PUBLIC Resolution—No. 2.]
A RESOLUTION in relation to certain maps.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, with a view of settling the issue of the annual report of the General Land Office, the Public Printer is hereby authorized to contract for the lithographing of the maps of the several States and Territories which may accompany the same, except in regard to the connected map accompanying the last annual report of the public lands east of the Mississippi river, in respect of which the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby authorized to procure an engraved plate thereof, to be perfected by adding from time to time the further surveys that may be made.

APPROVED, JANUARY 6, 1863.

SECURE A MUSICAL EDUCATION.
Mr. JOHN F. SPANER desire to inform the public of Washington that he is prepared to give lessons on the Violin, Guitar, Viola, and square pianoforte, either to classes or individuals, either at his residence No. 435 F street, between G and Seventh Streets, or at the residences of his pupils.

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WANTED: CARPENTERS for the Quartermaster's Department at Alexandria, Virginia. Applicants to be made to Mr. J. Dougherty, Superintendent, at this depot.
C. B. FRUGRON,
dec 19-1m Captain A. Q. M., U. S. A.

WANTED.—Five Hundred good, sober experienced TEAMSTERS, for the Quartermaster's Department in this city. Apply to C. H. HOWE, General Superintendent, at this office.
J. J. DANA,
dec 12-1m Capt and A. Q. M., U. S. A.

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An oath of allegiance by the bidder or bidders must accompany each proposition, and ample security must be required for the faithful performance of the contract.

The Building Committee reserves the right to alter any or all the proposals, or to reject for any reason the Proposals.

A preliminary draft of the formal contract, conditions, plans and working drawings of the building are laid open for inspection at the office of the Architect.

RICHARD WALTON, Esq.,
Chief Agent.
JOHN H. PLANT, Secy.
J. C. CLARK, Chief Clerk.
Jan 7-1m

N O T I C E .
U. S. ASSISTANT'S OFFICE
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All persons connected in the United States, as proprietors, licensees, Google, Writers, Trademarkers, Merchandisers, &c., as per Act of Congress approved July 3, 1862, who reside in the District of Columbia, are hereby notified that the Assistant's Office, No. 304 Maryland Avenue, near Ward, in the City of Washington, is now ready to receive applications for the registration of the fifteen (15) days from this date, January 2, also that the undersigned will, for the space of thirty days, after the expiration of the time allowed for inspection of said bill, remain in the office at the place before named, during the business hours of each day, to receive applications and determine on all appeals which may be entered against the proceedings of the Assistant's Office.

All appeals must be made in writing, specifying the particular cause of objection, and upon which a decision is requested, and shall state plainly and distinctly the grounds of appeal.

P. M. PEARSON,
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